

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1818 without my signature.

This bill is not necessary to protect local governments from baseless or frivolous lawsuits. Current law already provides a number of mechanisms, including the award of attorney's fees to the prevailing party, which discourage or punish litigants for bringing unnecessary or malicious legal action. Instead of reducing frivolous actions, this bill will simply discourage large retailers from opening stores in California resulting in an overall economic loss to the State.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger